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CSU General Assembly

Sept. 26th • 1pm • H-110

Agenda of the Sept. 26 General Assembly

1. Motion on Admin Fee and Capital Campaign Fee.

BIRT the Concordia Student Union call upon the Concordia University administration to cease collection of its illegal and unethical tax on knowledge that it is imposing on students through the collection of the so-called "administrative fee" and the "capital campaign fee". The University is violating the agreement it signed with the CSU guaranteeing that 20% of all new funding will be used to reduce the administrative fee. Both fees are backdoor tuition increases that violate the province's tuition freeze and both have been overwhelmingly rejected in CSU referendums. Students will continue to opt-out of these fees, and will continue to resist them through direct action and other means until our demands are met.

2. Motion to Reinstate Laith Marouf and Tom Keefer.

BIRT the Concordia Student Union condemn rector Frederick Lowy's arbitrary expulsion of CSU Councilor Tom Keefer and CSU VP Internal Laith Marouf without any trial or hearing procedure.

BIFRT the Concordia Student Union call upon the Concordia University administration to immediately reinstate CSU VP Internal Laith Marouf and CSU Councilor Tom Keefer and allow them to register as Concordia students in the fall term.

BIFRT the Concordia Student Union call upon the administration to resolve any complaints about the behaviour of these two students through the standard procedures available at the Office of Rights and Responsibilities.

3. Motion to expel Bell Helicopters Textron Canada (BHTC), Bell Canada Enterprises (BCE) and Nortel Networks.

BIRT the Concordia Student Union call on the Concordia administration to cease all dealings with corporate partners that supply the tools of war to the bloody operations all over the world where human rights are being violated at the hands of the military and to cease all dealings with companies that profit from the murder of union activists by paramilitary death squads. We call for the immediate removal of BHTC VP Engineering Jacques Saint-Laurent from the Concordia Board of Governors. We call on the administration to sever all ties with BHTC, Bell Canada Enterprises and Nortel Networks.

BIFRT the Concordia Student Union call upon the Concordia administration to include a mandatory course in the curriculum of the BCE-Nortel-financed International Institute of Telecommunications (IIT) on the Social Impact of the Privatization of Public Services.

BIFRT the hiring committee set up to hire the professor to teach this course have a majority of CSU-appointed representatives.

4. Motion about Sept. 11 tragedy.

BIRT the CSU General Assembly endorse the following motion already passed by Council on Sept. 12 2001:

The CSU expresses our profound grief and shock towards the massacre of innocent civilians on Sept. 11th, 2001. We offer our fullest sympathies and condolences to the victims and their friends and families. The CSU undertakes with all the means at its disposal to comfort all those within the Concordia community affected by this horrible event.

We affirm our wish to see those responsible for the massacre brought to justice and we denounce any attempt to place responsibility for the actions of a few upon an entire community, and we will not tolerate any racist acts against Arabs, Muslims or any other ethnic or religious group.

We will not dishonour the memory of the victims by allowing people to be silenced by racist, militaristic reactions.

